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 SUBJECT: PEKING PROTESTS EXPULSION OF CHINESE DIPLOMAT

PEKING HAS ISSUED A PROTEST NOTE ON THE EXPULSION OF CHINA'S ATTACHE FROM THE USSR. THE NOTE STATES THAT THE CHINESE ATTACHE WAS "SLANDEROUSLY" CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE, AND THAT THE "REAL" REASON FOR THE SOVIET ACT WAS RETALIATION FOR PEKING'S EXPULSION LAST WEEK OF FIVE SOVIET OFFICIALS.

THE PROTEST NOTE ITSELF IS ROUTINE, BUT PEKING USED THE OCCASION TO CRITICIZE HARSHLY MOSCOW'S HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT. IN THE NCHA ARTICLE WHICH REPRINTS THE PROTEST NOTE, MOSCOW IS CHARGED WITH "FASCIST ATROCITIES," "BRUTAL TREATMENT" OF THE ATTACHE, AND WITH BEHAVING IN A "SHOCKINGLY CLUMSY AND VILE"

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THIS LANGUAGE IS STRONGER THAN THAT USED BY MOSCOW IN COMMENTING ON THE EXPULSION OF ITS DIPLOMATS. IN GENERAL THE SOVIETS TRIED TO PLAY DOWN THE AFFAIR, AND THE EXPULSION OF ONE CHINESE DIPLOMAT WHO IN FACT WAS ALREADY ON HIS WAY BACK TO PEKING WAS ONLY A TOKEN RETALITORY GESTURE.

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